

SF Phosphates Limited Company

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RE: Modifications to DOGM Approved Seed, Vernal Phosphate Operations, M/047/007.

Dear Mr. Gallegos:

SF Phosphates LC is amenable to using the revised seed mix recommended by Division personnel beginning with fall 1999 reclamation.

The new mix was originally proposed and apparently drafted in 1995, however SF did not receive the written version until June 1998. Enough seed had been purchased at that time for reclamation through spring 1999. Consequently, areas reclaimed prior to fall 1999 have been seeded with the original approved seed mix.

The original seed mix was approved by the Division in 1983 with the Mine and Reclamation Plan and has proven extremely effective in establishing adequate vegetation to achieve the required 70% ground cover after 3 years growth period. Permanent use of the revised mix will depend on demonstration of satisfactory plant growth and ground cover development.

If you have any questions please call me at 435-781-3348.

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Ron Ryan

Environmental Specialist

